

Wilmington N.C. 24<sup>th</sup> 1899

My dear Dr. May,

I had noticed before your letter of 24<sup>th</sup> came how easy it would be to get from Lincoln town to the Western R.R. of North Carolina R.R. running past Marine to Old Fort at the summit of Swannanoa Pass; which R.R. must not be confounded with the Western R.R. of North Carolina a short line from Fayetteville, North westward. Newton is but about 15 miles, in a direct line from Lincoln and if twenty, by the roads, can probably be reached in a day.

As to getting off something will now depend I suppose upon the Okey case. A note from Judge Bradley says that it is fixed for Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>. That might detain you a few days more or less.

Mrs. Cady expects to leave for Ohio in about

There are my about March.  
Our little bro has had a little  
time with bad colds, so but is quite well  
now and enjoying this beautiful weather.  
If we can I wish you would give me  
a general idea of the points in the  
S. Alt., which you desire to reach and  
the time you propose spending there.  
While my time may possibly be limited  
I don't intend to ~~leave~~ leave you alone  
this time. Next week I want to study  
the notes, & the country up a little.

The *Vernonia* came all right from  
the Phila Acad in company with *Panicum*  
*Alex. Coll.* Many thanks to you for ma-  
king my specimens valuable by revising  
and noting upon them. And for the  
note on *Elephantopus*, also. The Florida  
plant (Billman) and one from Warm Spgs.  
N.C. must be *E. mollis*; at the latter place  
it was in company with *E. Carolinianus*.

I am glad *Hyacinth* has returned

it is still here a  
type since the material etc  
remains a small thing.

Ever truly Yrs,

J. M. M. M. M.

I notice *Folidaga* specimens, which  
seem to connect *F. striata* & *F. neglecta*  
very closely.